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Suicidal subject halts trains and traffic

Riverside, CA – Saturday morning, December 29, at approximately 4:27 a.m., Riverside Police received a call of a suicidal subject on a bridge near La Sierra Avenue crossing the 91 Freeway. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) stopped traffic flow on the freeway while the Riverside Police Department (RPD) halted traffic on La Sierra Avenue. After determining the subject was on the train bridge at La Sierra and Indiana Avenues, the CHP opened up the traffic flow on the 91 freeway.

Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF) and Metrolink trains were stopped for approximately two hours while RPD emergency negotiators engaged the 19-year-old male suicidal subject in conversation. At about 6:38 a.m., the negotiators convinced the subject to come down from the bridge. All train and vehicular traffic then resumed freely through the area.

The subject was transported to the Riverside County Mental Health facility to receive a psychiatric evaluation and treatment. His name is not being released for medical privacy reasons.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact the Riverside Police Department at (951) 353-7900.

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